

CHAP. 51.—An Act To authorize an appropriation for completing the new cadet mess hall, United States Military Academy.

January 9, 1929.

[H. R. 14813.]

[Public, No. 647.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated, out of any money in the Treasury not otherwise appropriated, the sum of not more than \$297,540 for completing the construction of the new cadet mess hall, cadet store, dormitories, and drawing academy at the United States Military Academy.

Military Academy.
Sum authorized for
new cadet mess hall,
etc.

Post, p. 1368.

Ante, p. 748.

Approved, January 9, 1929.

CHAP. 52.—An Act To provide for the acquisition of a site and the construction thereon of a fireproof office building or buildings for the House of Representatives.

January 10, 1929.

[H. R. 12897.]

[Public, No. 648.]

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That there is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$900,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the acquisition of a site embracing one or more of the squares bounded by B Street southeast and B Street southwest, C Street southeast and C Street southwest, New Jersey Avenue southeast, and Delaware Avenue southwest, as the commission in control of the House Office Building shall determine.

House Office Build-
ing.
Sum authorized for
acquiring designated
squares.

Post, p. 1812.

Upon the acquisition of such land, buildings, and structures, all of the land, buildings, and structures contained in square numbered 689 and square numbered 636 in the District of Columbia, as such squares appear on the records in the office of the surveyor of the District of Columbia as of the date of the passage of this Act, shall become a part of the New House of Representatives Office Building site and be under the control of the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the direction and supervision of the House Office Building Commission.

Upon acquisition to
become part of new
House of Representa-
tives Office Building
site.

Subject to House
Office Building Com-
mission.

SEC. 2. There is hereby authorized to be appropriated the sum of \$7,500,000, or so much thereof as may be necessary, for the construction, on the site selected, of a fireproof office building or buildings for the House of Representatives, to include necessary office rooms for Members, including committee rooms, folding rooms, and such other rooms as may be necessary and proper. Such building or buildings shall be constructed substantially in accordance with plans prepared under the direction of the Architect of the Capitol in accordance with the provisions of an Act of Congress approved March 4, 1925, with such modifications as may be necessary or advantageous. For any part or all of the sum authorized to be appropriated by this section, contracts are authorized to be entered into. The construction of such building or buildings and the letting of contracts, including the necessary traveling expenses, advertising, purchase of material, supplies, equipment, and accessories in the open market, and the employment of all necessary skilled architectural and engineering personnel and other services, without reference to section 35 of the Act approved June 25, 1910, and purchase of necessary technical and other books, shall be under the control of the Architect of the Capitol, subject to the direction and supervision of the commission in control of the House Office Building.

Sum authorized for
construction of build-
ing, etc., on site.

Plans adopted.

Vol. 43, p. 1295.

Contracts authorized.

Outside professional
services.

Vol. 36, p. 699.

SEC. 3. The commission in control of the House Office Building shall, within thirty days after the date of the enactment of this Act, determine which part or parts of the area described in section 1 shall be acquired and used for a site for the building or buildings

Determination by
commission of area to
be acquired.

Condemnation pro-
ceedings.

Vol. 30, p. 649.

Disbursements.

herein provided for and shall proceed to acquire such site by purchase or by condemnation, and in the latter event, the condemnation proceedings shall be conducted in the same manner as provided in the Act entitled "An Act making appropriations for sundry civil expenses of the Government for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1899, and for other purposes," approved July 1, 1898, for the acquisition of a site for an addition to the Government Printing Office. The appropriations made pursuant to this Act shall be disbursed by the disbursing officer of the Department of the Interior, such officer being designated by law as the disbursing officer of the Architect of the Capitol.

Approved, January 10, 1929.

January 11, 1929.

[S. 3127.]

[Public, No. 649.]

CHAP. 53.—An Act To amend section 217, as amended, of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States," approved March 4, 1909.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That section 217, as amended, of the Act entitled "An Act to codify, revise, and amend the penal laws of the United States," approved March 4, 1909, be amended to read as follows:

"All kinds of poison, and all articles and compositions containing poison, and all poisonous animals, insects, and reptiles, and explosives of all kinds, and inflammable materials, and infernal machines, and mechanical, chemical, or other devices or compositions which may ignite or explode, and all disease germs or scabs, and all other natural or artificial articles, compositions, or material, of whatever kind, which may kill or in anywise hurt, harm, or injure another, or damage, deface, or otherwise injure the mails or other property, whether sealed as first-class matter or not, are hereby declared to be nonmailable matter and shall not be conveyed in the mails or delivered from any post office or station thereof, nor by any letter carrier; but the Postmaster General may permit the transmission in the mails, under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe as to preparation and packing, of any articles hereinbefore described which are not outwardly or of their own force dangerous or injurious to life, health, or property: *Provided*, That the transmission in the mails of poisonous drugs and medicines may be limited by the Postmaster General to shipments of such articles from the manufacturer thereof or dealer therein to licensed physicians, surgeons, dentists, pharmacists, druggists, and veterinarians, under such rules and regulations as he shall prescribe: *Provided further*, That all spirituous, vinous, malted, fermented, or other intoxicating liquors of any kind are hereby declared to be nonmailable and shall not be deposited in or carried through the mails. Whoever shall knowingly deposit or cause to be deposited for mailing or delivery, or shall knowingly cause to be delivered by mail, according to the direction thereon or at any place at which it is directed to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, anything declared by this section to be nonmailable, unless in accordance with the rules and regulations hereby authorized to be prescribed by the Postmaster General, shall be fined not more than \$1,000 or imprisoned not more than two years, or both; and whoever shall knowingly deposit or cause to be deposited for mailing or delivery, or shall knowingly cause to be delivered by mail, according to the direction thereon or at any place to which it is directed to be delivered by the person to whom it is addressed, anything declared by this section to be nonmailable, whether transmitted in accordance with the rules and regulations authorized

Criminal Code.
Vol. 35, p. 1131,
amended.
U. S. Code, p. 407.

Postal offenses.

Poisons, explosives,
disease germs, etc.,
nonmailable.

Vol. 41, p. 620, amend-
ed.

Transmission per-
mitted of articles not
outwardly dangerous,
etc.

Provisos.
Limitation of ship-
ments to physicians,
etc.

Intoxicating liquors
nonmailable.

Punishment for un-
authorized mailings,
etc.

Punishment for mail-
ing articles with in-
jurious intent.